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SUBJECT: EC DESIGNATES ALL IRELAND AS DEVELOPMENT AREA

REF: DUBLIN 421

1. IRISH MEDIA GAVE TOP COVERAGE APRIL 13 TO REPORTED DECISIONS
BY EC COMMISSION TO DESIGNATE ALL OF IRELAND AS A DEVELOPMENT
AREA UNDER EC REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

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2. IRISH INDEPENDENT AND PRESS BOTH HEADLINED THAT DECISION MEANT EC WOULD IGNORE BORDER IN DEVELOPMENT PLANS, NOTING THAT COORDINATED PROJECTS WHICH SPREAD OVER COUNTRIES OF BOTH NORTHERN IRELAND AND REPUBLIC COULD RECEIVE AID.

3. MEDIA REPORTED THAT EC REGIONAL POLICY COMMISSIONER GEORGE THOMSON WAS STRESSING THAT FUND SHOULD BE ENLARGED FAR BEYOND \$150 MILLION SPENT BY COMMUNITY OVER PAST 14 YEARS.

4. WHOLE OF IRELAND, SOME PARTS OF BRITAIN, DENMARK AND SOUTHERN ITALY REPORTEDLY ARE BEING SELECTED AS NEEDING "MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT". IRELAND QUALIFIES ON BASIS OF UNEMPLOYMENT, PER CAPITA GNP (WHICH IS HALF EC AVERAGE), IMMIGRATION FROM REGION, AND LOW STANDARD OF LIVING. COORDINATION WOULD BE DEVELOPED TO INSURE THAT CROSS BORDER SCHEMES ARE FULLY HARMONIZED AND COMPETITION FOR INVESTMENT BY COUNTRIES IN FORM OF STATE AIDS IS ENDED.

5. COMMENT: EC THINKING APPEARS ALONG SAME LINES AS FOMIN GARRET FITZGERALD'S MARCH 24 ECONOMIST ARTICLE (REFTEL). IRISH PRESS DESCRIBED PLANS AS "BETTER NEWS FOR IRELAND FROM BRUSSELS" COMPARED WITH US TAX PROPOSALS (DUBLIN 495) WHICH COULD RETARD INVESTMENT HERE. BELIEVE THIS UNDERSCORES DESIRABILITY OF SOME FAVORABLE US COMMENT ON EC REGIONAL PLANS AS THEY AFFECT IRISH SITUATION.
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